

Kentucky Environmental Education Council

**Winter Meeting January 26, 2005
Holiday Inn Frankfort, KY**

Minutes of the Meeting

Members Present: Horace Brown, Wade Helm, Kurt Mason, Yvonne Meichtry, Evelyn Morgan

Members not present: Frances Carter, Greg Higdon, Jeff Hohman,

Staff: Jane Eller, John LeFevre

Approval of Minutes - Mr. Brown, the Council Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Since there was a quorum, a motion to approve the Fall Council meeting minutes was given by Evelyn Morgan and was seconded by Yvonne Meichtry.

Election of Officers _ Wade Helm made a motion to approve Horace Brown as Council Chair as well as Kurt Mason as Council Vice Chair for a new term. Evelyn Morgan seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approving new Council terms for both Mr. Brown and Mr. Mason.

Budget - Mr. LeFevre informed the members that as of January 25, 2005 the KEEC spent at least \$125,495 of allotted funds. Including expected spring grant monies, the agency has \$22 thousand in operating funds to spend on before June 30, 2005. This will make for an even tighter than usual budget.

Fundraising Needs – Ms. Eller informed the Council that KUPÉE had decided to apply for their own funds from CPE and that we would not be applying on their behalf. She also announced that we have a proposal in to EPA for \$25,000 to support certification for next year.

Kentucky University Partnership for Environmental Education – Ms. Eller informed Council members that she was concerned that some of the KUPÉE schools were using the HB 174 monies in ways that met the letter but not the spirit of the master plan. She said all the universities were doing good things with the money but that the bill said they would use the funds to implement the higher education portion of the master plan and she was not sure she could easily explain to the legislature how some the monies supported that. A motion was made by Evelyn Morgan to form a committee to review future KUPÉE proposals and make sure that each proposal submitted aligned with the spirit as well as the letter in which HB-174 monies were initially given. Kurt Mason seconded the motion. All Council members present were in favor of the motion except Yvonne Meichtry who abstained from voting for this motion since she is an active KUPÉE member.

Certification – Ms. Eller informed the Council that there would be concurrent environmental education nonformula certification programs in 2005. One would be have members from across the state while the other would be for environmental educators in Louisville. Class locations were yet to be determined and brochures were being printed to market both programs to prospective students. Ms. Eller also notified Council members that students would be asked to pay a \$50 registration fee. In addition, Ms. Eller was pleased to announce that most of the 38 remaining students in the initial environmental education nonformal certification class were poised to graduate.

Commonwealth Comprehensive Water Education Project – Ms. Eller informed Council members that Kristen Dunaway had been hired as coordinator for the Commonwealth Comprehensive Water Education Project. In addition, Kentucky Education Television is in the process of beginning work on a water education documentary. The Council will be contributing to the project in an in-kind commitment and will be monitoring and evaluating CCWEP as it unfolds. The Council also has committed \$4,000 a year in real match to CCWEP. Most of this will be used for Evaluation and for the workshops for local officials.

Green Schools Project – Ms. Eller informed Council members that Kentucky is in the beginning stages of creating a green and healthy schools initiative, in which schools will apply for that designation. Ms. Eller will inform Council members on how the newly created Green Schools Task Force is progressing with this project.

Environmental Knowledge and Attitudes Survey - In accordance with legislation establishing the Council, a survey has been completed that measures Kentuckian's environmental knowledge and attitudes. The survey has been put on the website. Ms. Eller said she really wanted to praise the PR people in our Cabinet for getting us all the great publicity on the survey.

Old Business – No old business

New Business- No new business

Adjourn – Their being no further business, Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting. Next meeting April 27, 2005 in Frankfort.

Approved
Wm. Horace Brown, Chair

Date

Respectfully Submitted
Jane W. Eller
Executive Director

Date

